The Bear Facts

Winter 2006

All the News About the Goshen Bears

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Spring Workend May 19-21, 2006

Workend Manager's Column **by Jim Ritchie III**

COME ON DOWN!!

Jim Ritchie III checking Bear assignments during the Fall 2005 Workend

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the Spring Goshen Bear's Workend, May 19-21. NCAC has announced the allocation of $1,000,000 for program and physical plant upgrades at Goshen this year. This includes such things as new shower houses at all camps. This will mean lots of work needed to get the camp ready to open. Plus we still have a few projects to complete from our Fall Workend.

Won't you come out and help us? The cost includes just your food, and we eat well. Fill out the registration form on the NCAC web site and send it in soon.

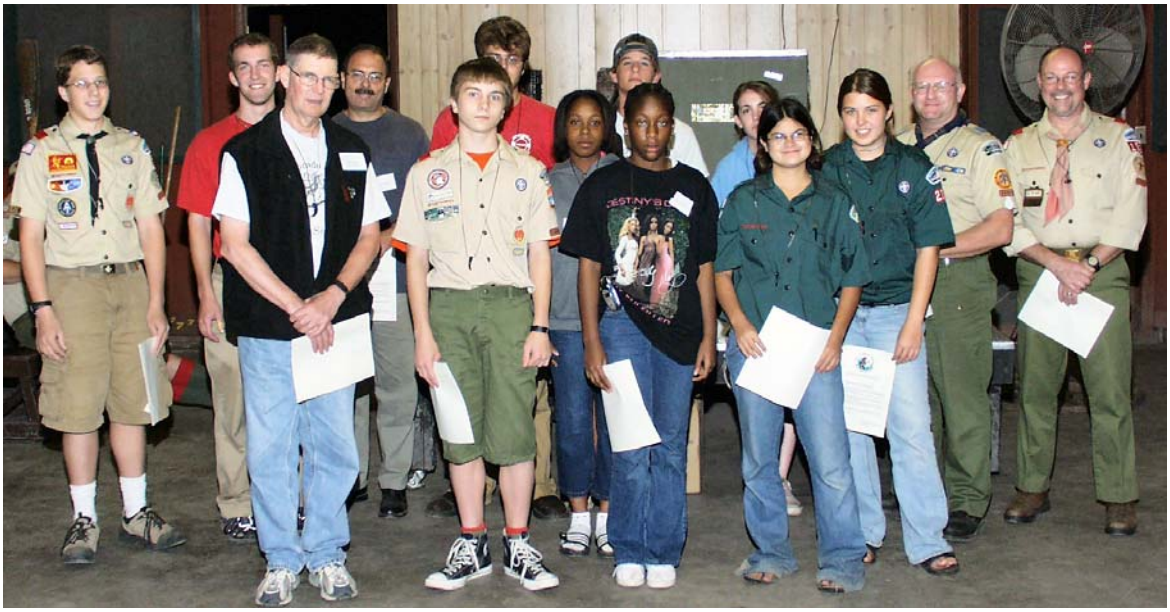
For further information, please contact me at bearsworkend@yahoo.com.

NOTES FROM THE HEAD BEAR

Susie was unable to contact us by press time: she has had three operations this Fall and her mother has been very ill. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

New Bears

The new Bears were Katie Ensor, Whitney Green, Rick Hanes, Catherine Jurado-Hilton, Mark Kolodne, Adam Ligler, Alicia Reese, Steve Richardson, Rebecca Schmidt, Michael Steinfield, James Summers, and Christian Zelenka. A very warm welcome to all of them and a prayer that they will return soon.



Second Timers

Eight Bears returned for their second workend. They were Champagne Bailey, Danielle Delaney, Keith Evans, Colen O'Connor, Patricia O'Connor, Kevin Reilly, Ruth Serra, and Shawn Youngberg. A warm welcome to them.

Brandon Wymelenberg Gets His Red Hat...

... and then the rest of these guys horned in

Silver Claws Awarded

Al Wallace, John Ruppel, Beth Ruppel, Kathy Zarrella and Dennis Bogan were all awarded silver claws for having attended 25 Goshen Bears Workends. Thanks guys.

The Bear Facts NOW ON NCAC WEBSITE

Just like last Winter, this issue of The Bear Facts has been posted on the NCAC website. Only the Bears who so indicated were mailed a hard copy of the paper. The website edition was posted much earlier than the ones that went by postal mail, it cost the Goshen Bears nothing to deliver and it has color pictures rather than B&W pictures in the hard copy version. To those of you reading a hard copy of The Bear Facts, you may access the Goshen Bears page by going to the NCAC website: www.boyscouts-ncac.org, click on Goshen Reservation and then on The Goshen Bears.

Don Fellers Under the Weather

Long time Goshen Bear Don Fellers reports that he is having some serious health problems. In Don's words, "…late last October an x-ray found a nodule on my right lung. After a CT and PET scan plus a biopsy it was determined that the nodule was malignant. On Dec 28th I had major lung surgery. I am now beginning to learn what type of follow up I will have - either chemotherapy or radiology. Probably will know more about this after…" the first of February.

"When this all started I was diagnosed at stage II, but after the surgery the surgeon upped it to stage IIIA as he found some malignant lymph nodes. Thank goodness it is not stage IIIB or IV as I understand at that late stage the chances of survival are virtually gone. The other day when I was talking to my surgeon he told me he expected to keep me around for a while. Let's hope he is correct. I hope that by May whatever treatment I have will be finished by then and that I can be at the Bears Workend."

Please keep Don in your prayers and hope for a speedy recovery.

Special Schedule Note

Next Fall the Goshen Bears Workend will be on September 29, 30 and October 1. Usually we meet on the last full weekend of October but it was felt that since that weekend also is Rosh Hashanah, it would be better to avoid any potential conflict. So mark your calendars now so there won't be any confusion in the Fall. The new NCAC calendar which will be issued during Program Launch in May will reflect this revised date.

Fall 2005 Workend Results

Our Fall Workend was a huge success. We had over 110 Bears in attendance to include twelve new bears. **Seventeen of twenty-one projects were completed**. The following projects were performed:

Crew 1, Stain/paint Latrine at Bowman Site 4, Olmsted gray water shed, and Camp Post laundry building. **Complete.** Kim Gilbert, Rick Hanes, Brian Horn, Bill Totten.

Crew 2, Repair canvas cots. 120 repaired, leaving 80-100 for the Spring. Jim Sundergill, Linda Sundergill, Mike Thomas, and Matt Pang.

Crew 3, Replace entire roof on Olmsted latrine 3. **Complete.** Zeke Zarrella, Kathy Zarrella, Ben Greenspan, Holly Fuller, Rick Dean, Mike Summers, Steve Richardson, Hannah Hall and 4 people from chapel crew on Sunday only.

Crew 4, Picnic Table Repair. Eight tables at Olmsted completed. Elsie Metz, Paul Metz, Bill Schlictig, Mark Kolodne, Michael Ensor, Kevin Reilly, Doug Tadaki, Zack Tadaki, Shawn Youngblood, Brandon Jones, Rob Jones, and Damon Allen.

Crew 5, Stain pavilion on Post Hill. **Complete.** Cathy Ensor, John Delaney, Ruth Serra, Whitney Green, Katie Ensor, and Jennifer Serra.

Crew 6, Stain new Tech Building at Olmsted. **Complete.** John King, Gene Eplee, Roland Miller, and Robert Parish

Crew 7, Clean and Pack Firearms. **Complete.** Beth Ruppel, Don Fellers, Jake Jaquith, Bill Warncke, John Ruppel.

Crew 8, Build Chapel at Ross. **Completed work planned for this trip,** leaving the altar and possibly pouring a concrete floor slab for the Spring. Rick Wymelenberg, Dan Buckley, Rick Dean, Holly Fuller, Anthony Laing, Martha Ramsey, Bryan Ramsey, Stephen Richardson, Mike Summers, Jim Walker, Josh Walker, Brandon Wymelenberg, Rebecca Schmidt, Catherine Jurado-Hilton, Keith Evans, Denis Bogan, and Anthony Wilber.

Crew 9, Stain Marriott Archery Range. **Complete.** Ed Allison, Lorin Krusberg, C. T. David, and Joel McGonigal.

Crew 10, Stain Marriott Rifle Range. **Complete.** Don Fellers, Stephen Wolf, William Zelenka, Christian Zelenka, Chris Williams, Jim Walker, and Josh Walker.

Crew 11, Clean and Repair Guttering. Suspended on Sunday morning for safety reasons, due to rain. Kathy Ciepiela, Bill May, Stan Foley, and John Curley.

Crew 12, Complete Olmsted Rifle Range Fence. **Complete.** Lorin Krusberg, C. T. David, and Joel McGonigal.

Crew 13, Clean Health Lodge and Memorial Building. **Complete.** Lucy Robinson, Champagne Bailey, Dave Brachey, and Alicia Reese.

Crew 14, Window Screen and Door Repair. **Complete.** Hanna Hall, Dennis Keener, Mike Kolbay, and Tom Barron.

Crew 15, Chuck Box Repair. Incomplete due to material shortage. Jack Christian, Donald Lent, Mark Zelenka, Bob Hogan, and Paul Gunther.

Crew 16, Cut Dead and Dangerous Trees at Olmsted and Ross. **Complete.** Rush Williamson, Pete Minderman, Tom Minderman, John Underhill, Will Eaton, Michael Steinfield, and Clay Greer.

Crew 17, Build Foxfire Shed. **Complete until Spring.** Started work on Tuesday. Vic Barker, Kenny Smith, Steven Smith, William Freeman, Fred Carson, John Rupple, and Don Lent.

Crew 18, Apply Wood Preservative on decks in front of Camp Post Cabins. **Complete.** Jeff Lewis, and Adam Ligler.

Crew 20, Cook Crew. **Scrumptious.** Sam Jones, Richard Allen, Gary Wachter, Steve Baggett, George Cashin, John Renard, Chester Staley, Al Wallace, Norm Feldser, Sherm Pearsall, and Greg Donlon.

Crew 21, Administration. **Complete, not too many mistakes.** Jim Ritchie, Susan Angelini, Adreon Ensor, Mary Ellen May, Bill Warncke, Bob Hogan, Susie Lewis, and Danielle Delaney.

Crew 22, Special Support. **Complete.** Chuck Burgdorf

A big thank you to all.

Bears Help OPERATION BRING BACK CAMP TIAK

Bear on a Bobcat

Operation Bring Back Camp Tiak was an NCAC project that involved sending a contingent of Scouters from NCAC to Camp Tiak, near Wiggins, MS, to help the Camp recover from damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina in August. Two waves of volunteers were dispatched to the camp with each group working approximately 3 days each at the camp. In addition to the NCAC contingent, the Philmont Staff Association (PSA) also provided an additional 19 volunteers.

The Goshen Bears had endorsed the Operation at their September business meeting at Goshen Scout Reservation. The Bears provided the hardhats that were used during the work and about ten existing Goshen Bears were part of the force that worked at Camp Tiak. In addition the Operation was considered to be another Goshen Bear Workend so all NCAC participants were presented with a claw for their service and all NCAC participants who were not already Goshen Bears were inducted into the Goshen Bears.

Special certificates were issued to all participants. New Bears got a certificate indicating their membership in the Bears while existing Bears and PSA members got certificates of appreciation. All certificates included the Goshen Bear logo and the Camp Tiak logo. PSA certificates also included the PSA logo.

The Goshen Bears at Camp Tiak felt a great sense of accomplishment at having done this good deed for fellow Scouts in time of need. A reunion of these Goshen/Tiak Bears is planned for this Spring. It will be held at Goshen the weekend of May 19-21, 2006. Coincidentally this is also the date of the Goshen Bears Spring Workend.
The following Bears were awarded their first Goshen Bear claw at the Camp Tiak Workend:

Bill Evans, Al Lambert, Pat Lambert, Bob Leggett, Clarence Crayton Jr., Chris Gagliano, Dave Green, Mike Gurtz, James Hardter, James Hill, Jeffrey Ludin, Alex McLellan, Kevin Ramsey, Woodrow C. Henderson III, Woodrow C. Henderson Jr., Tom Krems, Dan Ladd, Steve Robillard, Tom Watson Jr., Phil Sternberg, John Balser, Lisa Gardner, Rick Marler, Ken Davis, Ken (PSA), Frank Comploier, Kathy Comploier, Andi Hannum, John Harris, Wes Harris, David Henson, Alex Keena, Isabel Mack, Ginger McClure, Pete McDevitt, Brian McGuire, Michael Phan, Lonnie Robinson, Kevin Rumley, Eric Steele and Brian Stewart.

The first contingent of Bears

In addition there were ten "old" Bears at Tiak too. They were:

Braun Cameron, Mike Donaghue, Don Fellers, Jason Hamel, Jim Sundergill, Linda Sundergill, Tom Wertz, Phil Graham (PSA), Mike Jolly and Daniel Martin.

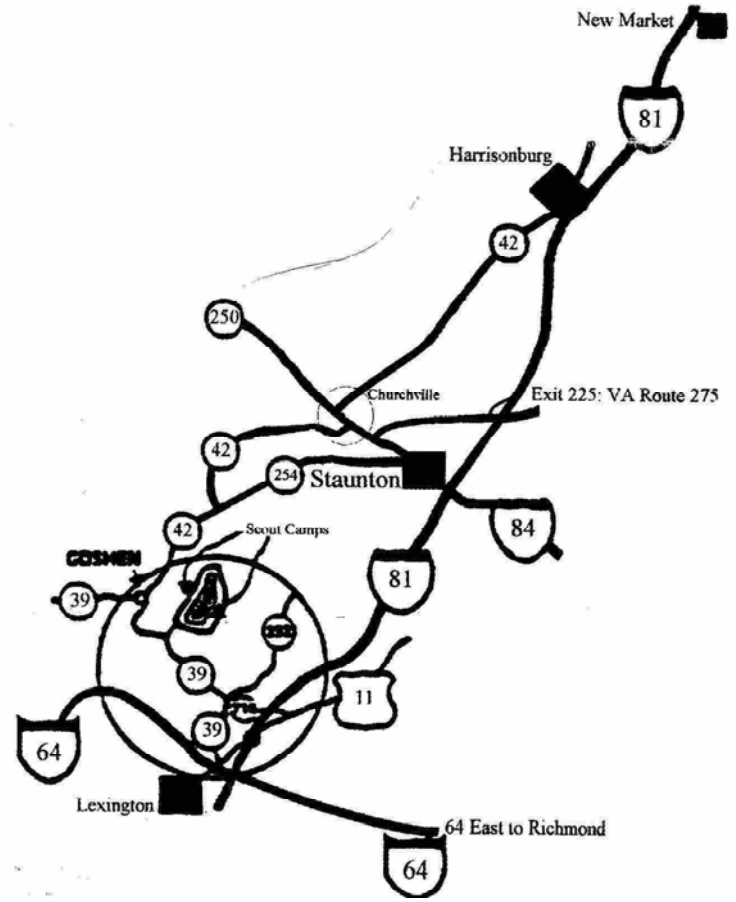
Our group was assisted by many individuals from the Philmont staff Association. PSA members assisting us were:

Michele Allen, John Celley, Andrea Consalus, Ryan Crider, Ben Field, Amanda Fulmer, Cliff Galle, Diana Kampa, Vern Miller, Mic Mullins, Jessica Satterfield, Andy Schmitt, Rick Smith, Jes Wertz, Steve Willis, David McGough, Jim McGough and Patrick McGough.

The second contingent of Bears

Directions to Goshen Scout Camps

1. Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to I-66 West (Right Exit)
2. Follow I-66 West to I-81 (70 miles) (Left Exit)
3. Follow I-81 South to Staunton Exit 225 VA Route 275 (75 miles) (Right Exit)
4. At top of exit ramp turn Right onto VA Route 275 West
5. Follow VA Route 275 West across Route 11 to the end (5 miles) (Keep Right at end)
6. Turn Right onto US Route 250 South toward Churchville (15 miles)
7. Follow US Route 250 South into Churchville (observe speed reductions in town)
8. Turn Left after the restaurant onto VA Route 42 South (42 North is ½ mile further on)
9. Follow VA Route 42 South around Mountain as it turns Right and Left across Whiskey Creek
10. Follow VA Route 42 South through farms, etc past Buffalo Gap High School (about 25 miles)
11. Turn Right onto VA Route 39 South at Buffalo Gap crossroads
12. Follow VA Route 39 South through Buffalo Gap, Augusta Springs and Craigsville.
13. Slow down going through Craigsville
14. Follow Route 42 South out of Craigsville toward Goshen (45miles)
15. Just as you cross the river at the Goshen town limits there is a bridge
16. Turn onto VA Route 39 South
    a. just before the Exxon Station under the RR Bridge (11'clearance) then go up steep hill onto VA Route 39 South at Fire Station
    b. or turn Left <u>after</u> the Exxon Station and over the RR tracks follow bumpy road around to Fire Station
17. Follow VA Route 39 South past Sawmill (keep left over tracks)
18. Follow "Scenic Byway" along the river (4 miles)
19. Turn Left onto VA Route 601 at historic marker (Millard Burke Highway)
20. Follow VA Route 601 to Camp Entrance on Right after wooden fence
21. Turn Right into Scout Camps
22. Ranger Station is to your Right
23. Camp Post is ¾ mile on Right – *this is where you go for Friday night registration*
24. Camp Olmstead is ½ mile on Left – *this is where you report on Saturday morning*
25. Other camps are around the Beltway



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NOTE: CHANGES IN DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN SET UP AND WE ARE SHORT OF RECRUITERS. PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN. *WE PARTICULARLY NEED RECRUITERS IN APPALACHIAN TRAIL, ENTERPRISE, WESTERN SHORE AND ZEKIA*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Each Bear is expected to pre-register and enclose an advance food payment of $8.00 per person. The balance of the workend cost is due at Friday night check-in for a total of $16.00 per person.

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print legibly)

1. Name 2. Phone Number 3. Street Address City, State Zip 4. District 5. Unit 6. email	New Bear (Yes/ No)	Age	Sex	Preferred Work: Physical Limitations	Preferred Berthing (Camp)	Food Advance Payment
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Please briefly state any impairments which may affect your ability to carry out Bear-type assignments. We won't put you on a roof or have you lift tent platforms or tree trunks if you shouldn't do that work. Let us know early so we can plan the workend carefully with your safety in mind.

Make checks payable to:
BSA Account 1-2306-044-00
Memo-Goshen Bear Workend

Send registration and check to:
NCAC Goshen
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3897

All groups of youth (13 – 18) must be accompanied by 1 same sex adult (21 years of older) for every 5 youths. ***Note this is a work session – all youth must be mature enough to perform without undue supervision.***

If you have access to special tools or equipment, please list it here but wait for contact from the Workend Manager to see if it is needed. You can always bring hand tools, chain saws and small power tools. Any concerns or question? Call the Workend Manager (Jim Ritchie III, 301-645-6409) as early as possible.

Early Registration is VERY IMPORTANT -- We need time to assign the tasks, order your food and arrange desired lodging – Thank You.